1. This is in response to the communications filed on 26 March 2010.

2. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

3. Claims 1-21 have been allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Matthew Colagrosso on 29 June 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 8. (Amended) The system of Claim [[6]] 7, further comprising a storage location

operable to store the operating system fingerprint of the target host for a time period.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to ARAVIND K. MOORTHY whose telephone number is

(571)272-3793. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on 571-272-7589. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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